

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

GHESQUIERE et al

Serial No. 10/023,476

Filed: December 20, 2001

Attention: Application Branch

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Date: February 13, 2002

For: MEANS FOR IDENTIFYING THE LOCUS OF A MAJOR RESISTANCE GENE TO
THE RICE YELLOW MOTTLE VIRUS, AND THEIR APPLICATIONS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:☒ Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR☐ Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.☐ NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED form.☐ Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

99/07834

France

21 June 1999

PCT/FR00/01724

21 June 2000

respectively.

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____, filed _____.☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.☒ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.☐ Also attached: ☐ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino AcidSequence Submission; ☐ Other:

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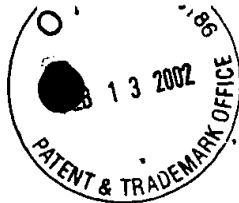
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AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 22, without prejudice.

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01 FC:101	740.00 OP
02 FC:103	198.00 OP
03 FC:102	168.00 OP
04 FC:104	280.00 OP
05 FC:105	130.00 OP

1. (Amended) Method for identifying markers of the locus of a major resistance gene to RYMV, comprising:

selectively amplifying rice DNA fragments firstly from resistant individuals, and secondly from sensitive individuals, descending from parental varieties, these fragments being previously subjected to a digestion step, then a ligation step to fix complementary primer adapters having at their end one or more specific nucleotides, one the primers of the pair being labelled for development purposes, to produce amplification products,

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